

## CLOUDS BLUR COMET

First Evening View Not Yet Obtained Here.

## TAIL MYSTERY NOT CLEARED

Scientists Point to Fact It Was Not Learned Until Long After Passage in 1835 Whether Earth Was Swept by Streamers of Celestial Body, as Excuse for Present Doubt.

Uncertain weather prospects for the near future threaten a delayed first-evening view of the comet in Washington.

Should the sky become clear, however, it will be possible to see the streamer at 8.20 to the best advantage.

Sunset comes to-night at 7.10, and twilight ends a little more than an hour thereafter. As to future visions of the comet, its similarity to the sun's corona may be apparent. Prof. George H. Fisher, the sun-spot specialist at the Naval Observatory, said to The Washington Herald representative yesterday that in his view the two phenomena might be regarded as of like class.

As to the illuminations.

In this view both the comet and the sun rays are expelled and are composed partly of atoms and partly of the disrupted ions which, as systems of a thousand to hundreds of thousands, constitute the various elemental "atoms" of the older bodies. These streamers, both those pouring through the holes, which constitute the sun spots, and those radiating from the comet head, produce electrical and magnetic effects on striking the earth's atmosphere, because the ions carry electrical charges.

Sun Flashed by Clouds.

No new sun-spot reports could be furnished by the Naval Observatory yesterday on account of the clouded sky, which also precluded either a morning or an evening comet observation.

Reports telegraphed yesterday from other points about the country are not explicit on the question as to whether a Friday morning as well as a Thursday morning view of the comet stream was obtained in the east.

Definite information about the earth's passage through the streamer will hardly be available for some days. It passed through the tail of a comet in 1861 without the fact being known for some time, and then only from calculations based on observed positions before and after the passage.

## NEGRO VOCALIST IN TROUBLE.

Church Member Has Him Arrested for Alleged Forgery.

Winston D. Payne, a negro waiter in a prominent restaurant, a vocalist in one of the leading African churches, who was to have made his debut as the star performer in a concert at Shilo Baptist Church next Monday, was arrested yesterday as he was leaving the ball park by Detectives Bertram and Cox on a charge of forgery.

John Gray, of 1613 Fifth street northwest, is the complainant, and is a member of the church where Payne has been singing. Payne learned that Gray had an account at the District National Bank, and also obtained a sample of Gray's signature. Since April 22 he is said to have been forging Gray's signature. Seven checks, amounting to \$125 in all, have already been honored by the bank. Among them one check was passed on John T. Devine, of the Shoreham Hotel, four on Dr. J. C. Peyton, of 1225 Pennsylvania avenue northwest, and one on Harvey's restaurant. When questioned at police headquarters, the man said there was no need of denying anything.

## BOY KILLED BY BASEBALL.

Collapsed Just as Umpire Cried "Out."

New York, May 20.—The baseball instinct was so strong in Harry Becker, a fourteen-year-old boy, that, although struck in the abdomen by a batted ball during a game, he managed to throw the ball to first in time to catch the runner.

As the umpire cried "out," Becker collapsed and was dead when a physician reached his side.

## WEATHER CONDITIONS.

U. S. Dept. of Agriculture, Weather Bureau, Washington, Friday, May 20, 1910.—8 p. m.

One wind along the New England and Middle Atlantic coasts will be light to moderate southerly; on the South Atlantic coast moderate southerly; on the East Gulf coast light to moderate and mostly southerly; on the West Gulf coast moderate to brisk southerly to south; on the Great Lakes moderate and variable.

Steamers departing Saturday for European ports will have light to moderate southerly winds, with showers to the Grand Banks.

## Local Temperature.

Midnight, 62; 8 a. m., 61; 4 p. m., 59; 6 p. m., 57; 8 p. m., 54; 10 p. m., 52; 12 noon, 73; 2 p. m., 74; 4 p. m., 71; 6 p. m., 69; 8 p. m., 67; 10 p. m., 65.

Maximum, 74; minimum, 52.

Relative humidity—8 a. m., 71; 2 p. m., 69; 8 p. m., 68. Rainfall (8 p. m. to 8 p. m.), 0.04. Hours of sunshine, 64; per cent of possible sunshine, 44. Temperature same date last year—Maximum, 61; minimum, 52.

## Temperatures in Other Cities.

Temperatures in other cities, together with the amount of rainfall, for the twelve hours ended at 4 p. m. yesterday, are as follows:

|                      | Max. | Min. | 8 p. m. | Rain- |
|----------------------|------|------|---------|-------|
| Ashville, N. C.      | 72   | 56   | 64      | 0.01  |
| Atlanta, Ga.         | 78   | 60   | 64      | 0.52  |
| Baltimore, Md.       | 72   | 56   | 64      | 0.01  |
| Boston, Mass.        | 78   | 60   | 64      | 0.01  |
| Buffalo, N. Y.       | 72   | 56   | 64      | 0.01  |
| Chicago, Ill.        | 72   | 56   | 64      | 0.01  |
| Cincinnati, Ohio     | 78   | 60   | 64      | 0.01  |
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| Columbus, Ohio       | 78   | 60   | 64      | 0.01  |
| Davenport, Iowa      | 78   | 60   | 64      | 0.01  |
| Denver, Colo.        | 72   | 56   | 64      | 0.01  |
| Des Moines, Iowa     | 78   | 60   | 64      | 0.01  |
| Indianapolis, Ind.   | 78   | 60   | 64      | 0.01  |
| Jacksonville, Fla.   | 78   | 60   | 64      | 0.01  |
| Kansas City, Mo.     | 78   | 60   | 64      | 0.01  |
| Little Rock, Ark.    | 78   | 60   | 64      | 0.01  |
| Los Angeles, Cal.    | 78   | 60   | 64      | 0.01  |
| Marquette, Mich.     | 78   | 60   | 64      | 0.01  |
| Memphis, Tenn.       | 78   | 60   | 64      | 0.01  |
| New Orleans, La.     | 78   | 60   | 64      | 0.01  |
| New York, N. Y.      | 78   | 60   | 64      | 0.01  |
| North Platte, Neb.   | 78   | 60   | 64      | 0.01  |
| Omaha, Neb.          | 78   | 60   | 64      | 0.01  |
| Pittsburg, Pa.       | 78   | 60   | 64      | 0.01  |
| Portland, Me.        | 78   | 60   | 64      | 0.01  |
| Portland, Ore.       | 78   | 60   | 64      | 0.01  |
| Salt Lake City, Utah | 78   | 60   | 64      | 0.01  |
| St. Louis, Mo.       | 78   | 60   | 64      | 0.01  |
| St. Paul, Minn.      | 78   | 60   | 64      | 0.01  |
| San Francisco, Cal.  | 78   | 60   | 64      | 0.01  |
| Springfield, Ill.    | 78   | 60   | 64      | 0.01  |
| Tacoma, Wash.        | 78   | 60   | 64      | 0.01  |
| Toledo, Ohio         | 78   | 60   | 64      | 0.01  |
| Vicksburg, Miss.     | 78   | 60   | 64      | 0.01  |

## Tide Table.

Today—High tide, 6.30 a. m. and 6.48 p. m. Low tide, 12.22 a. m. and 12.56 p. m.

Tomorrow—High tide, 6.48 a. m. and 7.26 p. m. Low tide, 1.35 a. m. and 1.34 p. m.

Condition of the Water.

Harpers Ferry, W. Va., May 20.—Potomac clear and serene; slight chop.

Largest Morning Circulation.

## COMET WITNESSED IN WESTERN SKY

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moreover, will not, solely because of the pulsion exercised by the earth's surface. Mr. Ries' theory is that the positive attraction of the sun for the slight mass of the nucleus of the comet is changed into repulsion as soon as the comet actually is reached. This causes the detaching of a part of the mass of the nucleus, which goes with other things to make up the tail of the comet.

## EXTENDS HALF WAY OVER HEAVENS OF EAST INDIES.

London, May 20.—A dispatch from Mahe, one of the Seychelle Islands, in the Indian Ocean, says that Halley's comet has been a magnificent sight there for many nights. The tail at 4 o'clock in the morning of May 17 was fully 30 degrees long. The nucleus was below the horizon. Part of the tail was visible on the following morning, but it was much fainter, and at 4.30 this morning it was barely discernible. No phenomena were observable.

## FRIDAY MORNING VIEW REPORTED AT BALTIMORE.

Baltimore, May 20.—At 4 o'clock this morning ab and of light, not unlike a gigantic searchlight was seen to span the firmament from northwest to southeast. Dr. John A. Anderson, of the Johns Hopkins University, stated today that this phenomenon was conclusive evidence that the tail of Halley's comet was curved, and that the earth did not pass through it.

"The phenomenon was undoubtedly observed," said Dr. Anderson, "and its presence at 4 a. m. to-day seems to me to mean that the tail of the comet has about 2,000,000 miles of curvature, and that consequently the earth missed it altogether."

## BROWN UNIVERSITY HOLDS EARTH TRAVERSED TAIL.

Providence, R. I., May 20.—Prof. Winslow Upton, of Brown University, does not concur wholly with some other astronomers in the belief that the earth missed the tail of Halley's comet and did not undergo the plunges through the million miles of "star dust," but thinks that the daylight hours yesterday.

"We are pretty certain that the earth was swept by the tail of Halley's comet yesterday during daylight," he said to-day, "because we picked up the tail before daylight Thursday morning in the East."

## FOSTER LAUDS ROOSEVELT.

Vermont Speaks on Former President's Keynote for World Peace.

Chicago, May 20.—Theodore Roosevelt's "Keynote of American diplomacy—the federation of the world for the purpose of peace" was lauded to-night by Representative David J. Foster, of Vermont, chairman of the House Committee on Foreign Affairs.

He was one of the principal speakers at the banquet of the Chicago Association of Commerce, in honor of Prof. David Kinley, a member of the commission to be sent by the United States to the Pan-American conference in Buenos Ayres, next July.

"The rivalry among the great powers in naval and military matters is constantly growing more intense," said Mr. Foster. "The construction of a huge dreadnought by one nation stimulates another nation to construct two of even larger size. So rapidly have these preparations for war increased that it has become apparent to many the only method by which any restriction could be placed upon the armament of the various nations is to bind those nations together in a league of peace."

"Roosevelt is to-day the foremost man in all the world, and this fact would add enormously to any efforts which he might make in behalf of the federation of the world for the purpose of peace."

Appears in "GALATEA."

MISS NOYES

Will be seen at Greek festival to be held at the Oakes, Thirty-first and R streets, on Monday, at 4.30 p. m.

Miss Noyes is a cousin of Dr. Seward Webb, of New York; also a cousin of Mrs. All Kull Khan, the Persian consul's wife. She is descended from the Flemings and Lees of Virginia.

At the Greek festival, Ben Greer, in Grecian costume, will recite the prologue from an old-time scroll. Mr. Greer calls Miss Noyes the most perfect Greek type he has ever seen.

Miss Noyes will make her professional debut in London next autumn.

In case of rain on Monday, the Greek festival will be postponed.

Will Speak at Anacostia.

Speakers appointed to address the Anacostia Baptist Church congregation on to-morrow evening are Miss Jennie Moyer, of Indiana, and J. Shreve Dunham, of Chicago. They are attending the World's Sunday School Convention.

## AFTER THE WEDDING.

The wedding day is bright and gay, the bride is blushing like a rose; the happy pair are free from care as on their honeymoon they mosey. A little while they live on smile, and glance, and whispered adoration; but honeymoons pass by effusions, and then there comes a strained relation. The husband sighs when eating pies suggestive of some kinds of leather; he gives a whoop when tasting soup that makes his insides run together. He never thought before he brought the blooming damsel to the altar to ask if she could cook so he could eat her grub and never falter. The bride is filled with grief and chilled with dread; the skies seem dark above her; he stays away for half a day, and doesn't swear he'll always love her. Have patience, though! This phantom woe will pass away, as they grow younger! The bride will bake a dazzling cake, and pies to soothe her husband's hunger! And he will learn to pause and turn, when leaving for his daily duty, and tell his wife that she's his life, his solace, and his dream of beauty!

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WALT MASON.

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## EPISCOPAL CHURCH NOTES

On Thursday the annual choir concert of St. Mark's parish will be held at the National Rifles' Armory. The proceeds are used for the expenses of the choir boys in Southern Maryland during the vacation period.

Last Sunday evening there was an admission service of new members of St. Mark's branch of the Girls' Friendly Society.

To-morrow morning there will be ordination to the diaconate in St. Mark's Church Karl M. Block, who for many years has been a chorister in St. Mark's. The preacher of the ordination sermon is the Rev. Berryman Green, D. D., of the Theological Seminary, Alexandria.

As to-morrow is Trinity Sunday, which is one of four days appointed for ordinations to the diaconate and the priesthood, the day is a peculiarly suitable one for the occasion. Bishop Harding will conduct the service.

The Sunday School Institute held its last meeting for the season on Tuesday. It was well attended. A helpful address was given by Rev. Dr. Herbert Scott Smith on the subject of "The privileges and perils of Sunday school teachers."

After the address, those present spent a "social hour."

St. Thomas Church and Emmanuel Church, Anacostia, are the two churches chosen for the boys' and girls' mission rally services in connection with the World's Sixth Sunday School Convention. All the rally services, of which there are twelve, are held at 3 o'clock. All use the same programme. Each is addressed by one or more speakers from a distance. The speakers at Emmanuel Church will be William H. Stanes, of India, and Mrs. J. A. Walker, of Colorado. The rally will be held in the parish hall. At St. Thomas Church the speakers will be Rev. Prof. Albert Clot, of Italy, and Rev. H. L. Dubring, D. D., of Pennsylvania.

A reception was given last evening by the authorities of the parish at Takoma Park to the friends and well-wishers of the parish. The occasion was the opening of the new rectory.

On Tuesday the clericus was entertained by the Rev. Clement Brown and Mrs. Brown at their M street home. Bishop Harding made an address on the Cathedral.

After some unexpected delay the new altar and reredos in memory of Bishop Satterlee have been erected in the Church of the Ascension.

On Monday evening next a gathering of members of Trinity Parish takes place in Trinity hall. It is intended to hold this gathering each year during the first week of the Trinity season.

To-morrow evening, on the "name day" of the church, Trinity will hold a special service.

To-morrow afternoon Bishop Harding dedicates the new parish hall, in Twenty-second street, Rev. Oscar L. Mitchell, pastor.

To-day a strong delegation of Brotherhood men will leave the city for Baltimore to take part in the Tri-Diocesan Brotherhood Convention and services, which are to be held to-day and to-morrow. The address of welcome will be made by Rev. Edwin Barnes Niver and the charge to the Brotherhood will be delivered by Bishop Murray. The annual sermon will be preached by the Rev. Edward B. Schluter. To-morrow afternoon there will be a mass meeting for seniors and juniors, in charge of Mr. W. H. Atkinson, of the national council. There will be a corporate communion service to-morrow, with Bishop Murray as celebrant.

## CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR NOTES.

One of the leaders in young people's work in the World's Sunday School Convention is Rev. Efraim Rang, who is an intimate friend of Dr. Francis E. Clark, president of the World's Christian Endeavor Union. Mr. Rang is visiting this country officially in the interests of the Scandinavian churches, and will recommend to the young people in these churches that they affiliate themselves with their Christian Endeavor friends in other churches.

Dr. George W. Bailey, chairman of the executive committee of the World's Sunday School Association, urges every